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Devices, and Improved Methods of
Taking a Dental Impression

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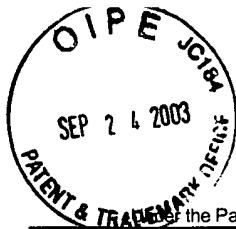
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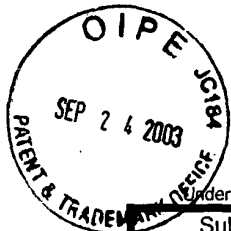
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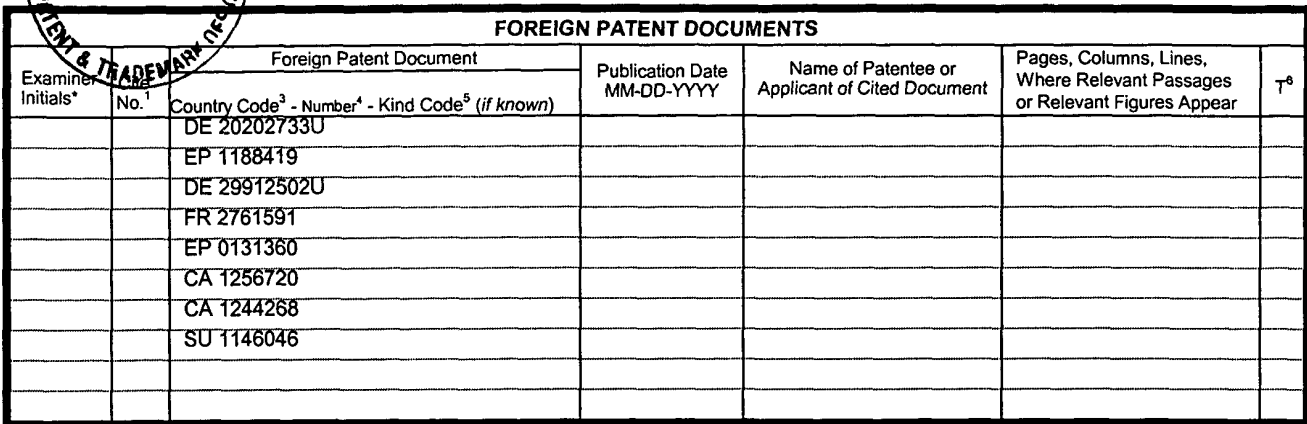
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